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Committee to meet Dec. 1 on efforts to help youth with disabilities to transition to independence

BISMARCK, N.D. – A committee that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services on services and public policy to support young people with disabilities as they transition to adulthood and adult services will meet Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time by video conference.

The meeting agenda includes updates from Transition to Independence program facilitators and advisory committee members, and a presentation on new federal Vocational Rehabilitation guidelines related to the employment of transition-aged youth. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting from these state video conferencing sites:

Bismarck: DHS Prairie Hills Plaza location, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 1C, Prairie Rose Room (Door 2 entrance),

Devils Lake: Lake Region Human Services, 200 Hwy 2 S.W., East Conference Room,

Dickinson: Badlands Human Services, 300 13th Ave. W, Basement General Staff Room,

Fargo: Southeast Human Services, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room,

Grand Forks: Northeast Human Services, 151 Fourth St., Ste. 401, Room 5E,

Jamestown: South Central Human Services, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317,

Minot: North Central Human Services, 1015 S. Broadway, Ste. 18, Room 411, and

Williston: Northwest Human Services, 316 Second Ave. W., Room B200.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Susan Wagner of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division at 701-328-8941, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or shwagner@nd.gov.

The Transition to Independence Advisory Committee includes transition-age youth, service providers, and representatives from the North Dakota Department of Human Services, North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Division of Juvenile Services, the North Dakota University System, North Dakota Juvenile Court, and other stakeholders.

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